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To Doug Rambo

Office \_\_\_\_\_

From Gary R. Brown Cover Sheet & 2 Pgs.

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Doug:

Sorry for my delay - I  
have been slammed today.

Give me a call if you have

any questions.

Thanks

Gary



## Loudoun County, Virginia

### Fire and Rescue Commission

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4 February 2004

Mr. Gary Brown, Director  
Office of Emergency Medical Services  
Virginia Department of Health  
109 Governor Street, Suite UB-55  
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VIA FACSIMILE (804) 864-7580

Dear Mr. Brown:

As we discussed this afternoon, the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Commission requested Delegate Joe May's sponsorship of legislation to address our concerns regarding vehicle markings under a consolidated EMS agency license. Our concerns resulted from OEMS briefings on the current Rules and Regulations.

The Loudoun County Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council, Inc. is investigating consolidation of all Loudoun County EMS agencies, including volunteer fire and rescue companies and the County's Department of Fire and Rescue Services, under a single EMS agency license. Consolidation under a single license will permit easier coordination of EMS activities within Loudoun County.

One of the principal obstacles to consolidation is the OEMS requirement that the licensee's name appear on each licensed EMS vehicle. I understand from our discussions that an exemption from this requirement is routinely granted by OEMS. Under the consolidated license scenario that I described, a volunteer fire and rescue company has the flexibility to mark their apparatus with their agency name. The licensee's name, the Loudoun County EMS Advisory Council, is not required to appear on the apparatus. Exemptions granted for this purpose remain effective until dissolved by the licensee and apply to current and future licensed EMS vehicles.

In order to begin the request for exemption process, the EMS Council should apply for an agency license. In the application, the Council should identify the current licensees that will consolidate operations under the Council's license.

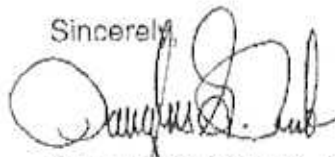
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The application should include an endorsement by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors acknowledging consolidation of multiple agencies under a single licensee. OEMS will then grant the exemption and modify any required paperwork.

If my understanding is accurate, I will contact Delegate May and advise that we have successfully identified an approach that meets our needs. I request your review of this approach so that I can advise him by Monday, 9 February.

I can be reached via pager at (800) 918-0326 or via electronic mail at [drambo@loudoun.gov](mailto:drambo@loudoun.gov). I appreciate your assistance and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,



Douglas G. Rambo, Chairman  
Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Commission

Doug:

AN exemption and endorsement by the Board of Supervisors is not required. Our regulations allow an exception which the licensee can request directly to OEMS. All the information in this letter is correct, but you do not need to file an exemption or go through that process. The individual agencies may mark/letter their vehicles with their name by simply having the licensee making the request to OEMS. Thanks Gary R. Brown 02/05/04